(b) if so, whether the KVIC proposes to revise the pay scales as a part of its plan to revitalise the working of the Commission; and

(c) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir. The Pay scales of the employees of Khadi and Village Industries Commission were revised on the basis of the recommendation of the Fourth Pay Commission.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Enhancement in the prices of cement**

*569. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions from 1980 to 1987, prices of levy and haevy-free cement have been enhanced through administrative orders;

(b) what is the extent of enhancement on each occasion;

(c) what is the total additional revenue realised thereby from 1980 to 1989, year-wise; and

(d) what were the reasons for the frequent price hikes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The FOR price in respect of levy cement had been revised four times during the period from 1980 to 1987 as per details given below;

| Period for which revised prices remained effective | FOR price for naked coment (Rs. per tons) |
|---|---|
| As on 1-1-80 | 818.94 |
| (i) 24-7-81 to 27-2-82 | 400.85 |
| (ii) 28-2-82 to 1-7-83 | 440.00 |
| (iii) 2-7-83 to 17-7-84 | 492.00 |
| (iv) 18-7-84 to 31-12-87 | 532.00 |

The above price is exclusive of Central excise duty and State sales tax local levies and packing charges.

There is no price and distribution control on non-levy cement and its price is determined by the market forces operating from time to time.

(c) Government have not received any additional revenue due to above price increases.

(d) The main reason for the frequent price hikes was the increase in the cost of inputs, viz., power, coal, rail freight and wages etc.

**Assets, gross profits and turn-over value of 20 largest industrial houses**

570. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1447 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 1988 and state:

(a) the total assets, gross profits and turn-over (value) of twenty Largest Industrial Houses as in 1980 and in 1989; and

(b) the particulars of mergers and take-overs during the period 1980 to 1989 pertaining to these Houses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A Statement showing assets, profit before tax and turnover in 1980 and 1987-88 (Accounting year ending April, 1987 to March, 1988) of companies registered under Section 26 of the MRTP Act and belonging to the 20 Largest Industrial Houses ranked according to their assets in 1987-88 is at Annexure (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 46). Data in respect of the year 1989 is not yet available.

(b) A Statement showing particulars of (a) Amalgamation under section 23(2) and (b) takeover under section 23(4) of the MRTP Act during 1980 to 1989 (Jan-June) pertaining to the companies registered under section 26 of he MRTP Act and belonging to the twenty Largest Industrial Houses ranked according to their assets in 1987-88 (accounting year ending April, 1987 to March 1988) is at Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 47]

**Oil wells in Cauvery basin**

571. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many oil wells have been dug in the Cauvery basin so far ;

(b) what is the total quantity of oil obtained in the area per day at present ;

(c) to which refinery this oil is being sent currently ; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up a refinery in the Cauvery basin to save expenditure on transportation ?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Out of 91 wells drilled and tested in Onland and Off shore areas of Cauvery basin upto 1st July 1989, 20 wells onland and four offshore proved to be oil bearing.

(b) and (c) Oil is being produced from Narimanam and Bhuvanigiri structures only through Early Production System at a total average daily rate of about 236 tonnes and sent to Madras Refineries Ltd (MRL) by tankers.

(d) MRL have submitted a proposal to the Government for setting up facilities for distillation of 5,0 ,000 Tonnes Per Annum of Crude oil and separation of 16,5000 metre Tonne/year of LPG in Cauvery basin. Action for processing of the proposal has been initiated.

**Demand for LPG cylinders in Assam**

572. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total demand for LPG cylinders in Assam at present ;

(b) whether there is vast difference between the demand and availability of cylinders in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) At